

The Major Events of the Day

International

In a daring flight from West Germany into Czechoslovakia, an American civilian in a helicopter flew three East Germans to the West on Sunday. The pilot, Barry Meeker, said yesterday that ground fire forced him to leave behind an injured East German woman and a friend of his; at whose request, he said, he had undertaken the rescue mission. The helicopter landed in Traunstein, in the Bavarian Alps near the Austrian border and 50 miles west of Munich. [1:1-4.]

Premier Vasco Gonçalves of Portugal, under overwhelming military and civilian pressure to resign because of his pro-Communist policies, made a fighting speech before 5,000 cheering Communists and asked for confidence from "patriots, progressive people and democrats." The Premier, who acknowledged last Saturday that he was having trouble governing, went into the industrial suburb of Almada, across the Tagus River from Lisbon, to make his stand at a rally officially sponsored by the country's single labor organization, now controlled by the Communist party. [1:5.]

Premier Yitzhak Rabin of Israel gave Parliament a guardedly hopeful assessment of the outlook for Secretary of State Kissinger's resumption this week of shuttle diplomacy between Jerusalem and Cairo, but he warned against undue optimism. His address was frequently interrupted by hostile remarks from members of the Likud party, the conservative opposition. [1:1-2.]

National

Future grain shipments to the Soviet Union have been boycotted by six maritime unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The unions also demanded more Government protection against rising food prices and more protection for United States shipping interests. The boycott and union demands were announced following a meeting in Washington of George Meany, president of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. and leaders of the six unions. [1:8.]

Large grain sales to the Soviet Union were defended by President Ford in an address to an audience of 20,000 people at the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines, one of his stops on a two-day political trip across the Middle West. Mr. Ford said that he expected "further purchases of grain" by Moscow, con-

fronting head-on the sensitive issue of grain sales to Russia, which grain farmers favor but many Midwestern conservatives find politically troublesome. [1:6-1-2.]

The Commerce Department reported that housing starts in July increased 14 per cent over the previous month and showed their first substantial rise of the year. Starts last month were at an annual rate of 1,238,000, 1 million in the winter months. [1:6-7.]

Metropolitan

Mel Patrick Lynch, a city fireman, and Dominic Byrne, a limousine operator, have admitted kidnapping Samuel Bronfman 2d and threatening that both he and his multimillionaire father, Edgar, would die unless a ransom demand was met, according to a Federal Bureau of Investigation complaint. It said Mr. Lynch admitted preparing the threatening ransom letter last June. But it was learned that an abduction of some member of the Seagram liquor-empire family had been planned perhaps as long as two years ago. [1:6-7.]

Officials of New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center said that they had become aware last year of the deterioration of the Marcus brothers, twin gynecologists who died a month ago of barbiturate addiction, and had attempted several corrective steps culminating in the dismissal of the doctors from the hospital's staff on July 1. The hospital reversed its position of refusing to say whether it had done anything to protect patients from possible malpractice or to help the sick brothers. [1:7.]

Four major manufacturers of high-fidelity audio components have signed consent agreements with the Federal Trade Commission that prohibit them from coercing dealers and using other illegal means to fix prices of their products. The agreements and a continuing investigation by the commission of other members of the industry are expected to result in lower retail prices for stereo components. [1:4.]

S. Klein's Department store on Union Square, which had been in business more than 65 years when it closed last Saturday, will reopen early next year under new ownership but with the same name, Julio Tanieloff, owner of the Astro Minerals and Georg Jensen retail businesses, said that he had reached an agreement in principle to take over Klein's property. [1:4.]

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Quotation of the Day

"Foreign policy is too damn important to be left to the Secretary of State"—George Meany, after maritime unions of the A.F.L.-C.I.O. invoked a boycott on grain shipments to the Soviet Union. [1:6-1]

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CORRECTIONS

An article on foreign-exchange trading in The New York Times yesterday incorrectly reported the amount of losses uncovered by the Union Bank of Switzerland in its own accounts. The correct figure is 142 million Swiss francs, now equivalent to about \$53.5-million.

● An article that appeared on July 31 incorrectly identified a farm near Greenwich, N. J., under investigation for allegedly employing children under 12 years old to pick tomatoes, as the R. J. Riggins Farm. The investigation took place at the Powers and Riggins Farm, owned by F. L. Powers and Charles Riggins.

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